

Local broadcast stations have a long history of being a part of America's security. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge recently encouraged Americans to keep around battery-powered radios and televisions as preparation for a terrorist attack.

Broadcasters' support of the Armed Forces Relief Trust is yet another example of local radio and television stations doing their patriotic duty. Mr. Speaker, the men and women of our Armed Forces rely upon the Armed Forces Relief Trust . . . and the A-F-R-T is relying upon local broadcasters to get the message out. I commend the local radio and television stations that have partnered on this important program and thank them for their work.

TRIBUTE TO HK CASTING OF
WESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of HK Casting of Weston, West Virginia for being awarded a 2003 Export Achievement Certificate in recognition of an increased focus on exporting.

The Export Achievement Certificate was created to recognize small and medium-sized enterprises that have successfully entered the international marketplace for the first time or that have successfully entered a new market.

As our economy continues to become more global, it is important for industries of all types to develop relationships and ties in the international community. As the West Virginia economy diversifies, HK Casting has taken major steps forward to promote the Mountain State and all it has to offer to the world economy.

By making strides to expand opportunities, HK Casting has in turn brought benefits to the state that will be felt far beyond the business itself. I applaud HK Casting for its efforts and look forward to seeing continued success.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognition of HK Casting, and I offer them as an example to small and medium sized enterprises everywhere.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK M. HART

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Frank M. Hart for his longtime commitment and outstanding service to the educational advancement of South Carolinians both as a teacher and community leader.

Mr. Hart began his career teaching in the Landrum and Woodruff public schools. He later served as a principal of Chapman, Rivers and Pickens high schools. He went on to serve as Director of Instruction for Charleston School District 20, where he coordinated the Title I and Title II programs. That is where I first met Mr. Hart when I was a History Teacher in the Charleston County Public Schools. We developed a friendship which continues today.

His tenure in Charleston was followed by service as Assistant Superintendent for Instruction for the Pickens County Schools. In 1970 he was named Superintendent of Marion School District One where he served until 1988 when he retired. It was during this time that Mr. Hart reentered my public life when he invited me in 1971 to address his Rotary Club's weekly lunch. At that time this simple act was groundbreaking.

Mr. Hart's work as a consultant to the State as a member of advisory committees on curriculum, educational television and secondary schools has been integral to promoting innovative new approaches to teaching. He served on an evaluating committee for the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges and on an executive committee of the South Carolina Superintendents Association. He is also the past president of the Atlantic AA Conference of the High School League.

But Mr. Hart's instructions reach far beyond being a role model for public school students. They are just as evident in his personal life. He has performed extensive stewardship duties, including teaching adult Sunday school classes at his church, First United Methodist Church of Marion, South Carolina. He remains an active member of his Rotary Club and is a past president of the Marion Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hart earned both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree from Clemson University. He has also studied in post-master's work at both the University of South Carolina and Columbia University. In addition, he served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1944 to 1946. He and his late wife, the former Betty Stevens of Cross Keys, South Carolina, are the parents of three daughters and two sons.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in honoring a long time friend and mentor, Frank M. Hart for his contributions to South Carolina and especially Marion County. His career in education has been profound, and his personal life has paralleled the kind of work he dedicated himself to in the classroom. I am personally grateful to him and wish him Godspeed and the best of luck in the future.

RECOGNITION OF PRINCESS
FRANCIS HOPPER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, knowing that November is native American Indian Month I rise today to recognize my constituent, Princess Frances Hopper, of Fairfield, Illinois, for her continuous work in fighting for the rights and recognition of Native American Indians.

Recently, due to Ms. Hopper's advocacy, Governor Rod Blagojevich proclaimed September 26, 2003 as Indian Day in Illinois. I want to congratulate and thank Ms. Hopper for all she has done and will continue to do for the people in her community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BARRY D. LUTSY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Barry D. Lutsy, a West Virginia firefighter who was killed in the line of duty on August 13, 2003.

Barry Lutsy was a proud member of the Racine Volunteer Fire Department in Boone County, West Virginia for 15 years. Firefighter Lutsy served with pride and dedication in his many roles over time. His dedication to the Department and to the community were commendable and worthy of great respect.

Firefighter Lutsy once described his commitment to firefighting by saying, "I've always tried to help others that needed help, to administer first aid or try to save things precious to them . . . I was very proud of the department of the firefighters in which I trusted and depended upon when we were fighting a fire." These words illustrate the spirit and dedication with which Firefighter Lutsy served the citizens of West Virginia.

Firefighter Lutsy led an honorable life in which he made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the safety of others. All West Virginians and all Americans owe him a debt of gratitude, and we pledge to honor and respect his life and service always.

He leaves behind his wife, Debra, and two sons, Jeremy and Justin. While the death of Barry D. Lutsy leaves a void for his family, friends and all whom he served through the Racine Volunteer Fire Department, those who knew him well are comforted by recalling his many accomplishments during his lifetime of 45 years.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognition of the life of Firefighter Barry D. Lutsy.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES
ON H.R. 1, MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION
DRUG AND MODERNIZA-
TION ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the motion to instruct made by my good friend and Energy and Commerce Committee colleague, Congresswoman Capps, which would instruct conferees to drop privatization provisions and direct the savings to make sure physicians are paid adequately.

One of the most controversial provisions being debated in the Medicare prescription drug conference is one that would require Medicare to open to competition from the private sector in 2010. This provision builds on previous proposals to incorporate private plans into the Medicare program, such as the Medicare + Choice plan that was created in 1997.

Now they always say that those who do not learn from their mistakes are bound to repeat them. Unfortunately, if conferees move forward on this path, they will most certainly repeat the mistakes of the past.